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SUBJ: HASTINGS ADDRESS TO COMITE OF 24

SUMMARY: FATHER HASTINGS REPORTED ON ALLEGED MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES. FRELIMO VICE PRES DOS SANTOS MADE IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR SUPPORT. FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM SWEDEN, TANZANIA, AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS, COMITE OF 24 ADOPTED SWEDISH CONSENSUS STATEMENT, AS REVISED, CONDEMNING "MASSACRES" AND LAUNCHING INQUIRY. DECISION ALSO MADE TO FORWARD RECORDS OF COMITE SESSION TO PERM OBSERVER OF HOLY SEE TO UN. END SUMMARY

1. FATHER HASTINGS SET FORTH EVENTS OF ALLEGED MASSACRE IN STRAIGHT FORWARD FASHION, DRAWING ON ORIGINAL REPORT AND SETTING THIS EVENT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ALLEGEDLY FREQUENT MOZAMBIQUE ATROCITIES. HE SAID THAT REPORT HAD NOT BEEN PUBLISHED FOR SEVEN MONTHS SINCE BURGOS FATHERS, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, HAD BEEN DISCOURAGED BY THEIR EARLIER REPORTS NOT BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND WERE AWARE FROM PREVIOUS EXAMPLES THAT A PRIEST'S CAREER IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IS ENDED AS SOON AS HIS CRITICISM OF PORTUGUESE POLICY BEGINS.

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2. HASTINGS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE NO EUROPEAN WITNESSES

TO THE "MASSACRE". HE DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER THIS MEANT THERE WERE NO EUROPEAN OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE "ATROCITY" EITHER. HE THEN CITED EIGHT VARIOUS SOURCES WHO CONFIRMED STORY, INCLUDING FOUR INHABITANTS OF VILLAGE WHO ESCAPED, SPANISH SISTERS AT MISSION HOSPITAL, AND OTHERS. CONCLUDING, HASTINGS SAID THAT, IF TRUE, SIGNIFICANCE OF "MASSACRE" GRAVE INDEED AND HE APPEALED TO INVESTORS IN CABORA BASSA AND NATO PROVISIONERS OF ARMS TO PORTUGAL TO WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT FOR LISBON'S AFRICAN POLICY.

3. MARCELLINO DOS SANTOS, FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT, NEXT GAVE IMPASSIONED TALK, PRASISING HASTINGS FOR EXPOSURE OF PORTUGUESE ATROCITIES AND THANKING NETHERLANDS AND NORDICS, INTER ALIA, FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

4. COMITE REVISED AND ACCEPTED DRAFT SWEDISH CONSENSUS STATEMENT, PREPARED PRIOR TO HASTINGS' TALK, CONDEMNING PORTUGUESE FOR ATROCITIES AND CALLING FOR FACT-FINDING INVESTIGATION. COMITE ALSO AGREED THAT RECORDS OF THIS SESSION BE SENT TO PERM OBSERVER OF HOLY SEE FOR HIS STUDY AND POSSIBLE ACTION. SCALI

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